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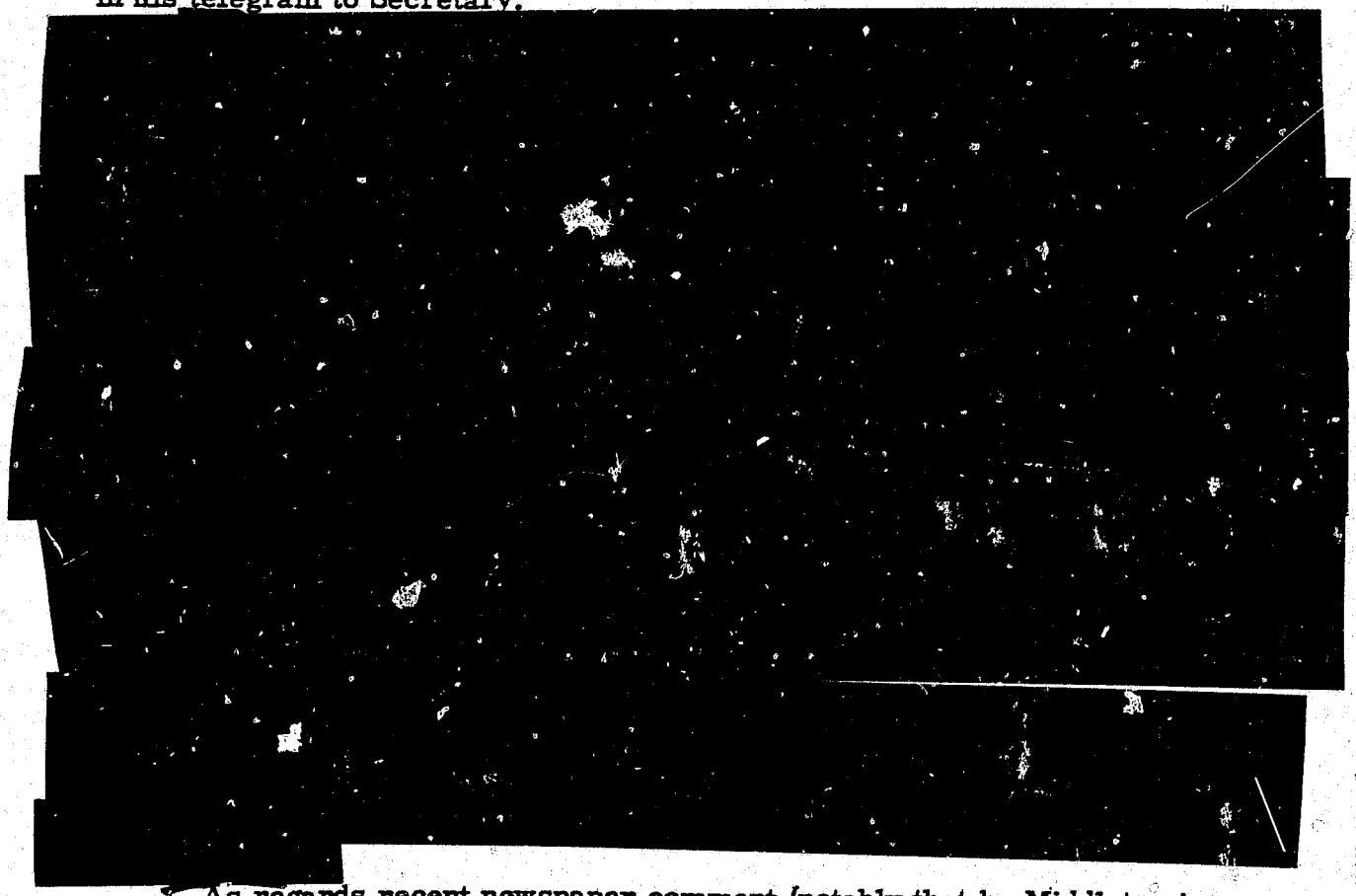
Foreign Minister Lord Home asked me to call on him Friday night. Said he wished talk informally and generally about his American trip. It had been thoroughly enjoyable from personal standpoint. Ceremonies at Harvard and people he met there were interesting. His reception by Chicagoans had been warmer than anticipated. Talks with Secretary had been wholly satisfactory to him; he thought them valuable and constructive.

Home read me draft of message he intended, after considerable revision, to send Secretary on possible reference certain features of Berlin problem to UN; also to International Court Justice. In both cases, especially the latter, he had doubts about timing, and would try to express them in greater detail in his telegram to Secretary.



As regards recent newspaper comment (notably that by Middleton in the New York Times, and by Brandon and Heren from Washington) indicating lack of concord between US and UK, failure of leadership and other gloomy reflections, I am not alarmed over this hornet buzzing. The British Empire is dying hard, and some of the attendant doctors are weary and embittered. I should like within a few weeks to revert to this subject in a telegram on the British Press.

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The Pilgrims are giving a farewell dinner to Ormsby-Gore. Unfortunately, I cannot attend it, since I am a guest the same evening of the English Speaking Union. Christopher Chancellor asked me to write something which could be read on this occasion, and I did so in the following terms:

> I especially regret my inability to be present, on this occasion, to celebrate the nomination of David Ormsby-Gore as Her Majesty's Ambassador to the United States.
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> In no position within the nomination of the British Crown does it seem more important, under present and prospective circumstances, to have, as the representative of the United Kingdom in the United States a man who will continue the long tradition of serving as the official British spokesman and interpreter to us of British views and decisions on foreign policy.
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> The professional qualifications of the new Ambassador are everywhere acknowledged. I venture to say that perhaps even more important are those qualities of character and personality for which he is distinguished.

June 26, 1961 - Monday

The Trade Center opened this morning, with considerable fanfare. I made a short speech before introducing Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Rowland Burnstan, and Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, John P. Duncan. Reginald Maudling, Lord Rootes, and a few other prominent Englishmen, were present.

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I had to leave before the party ended, to see Lord Home at the Foreign Office. He told me what his Government was doing about the Kuwait situation. I sent off the following telegram on the subject:

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At home, I found Peggy and Lew Douglas, Mr. Coombs (formerly of OSS, now Assistant Secretary of State for Cultural Relations), Emily Woodruff (OSS), and Bill Clark.

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